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Title: Dark Offspring 1

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Of all the tales of  
the offspring of  
vampires (dampires)  
the tale of two  
siblings is the  
strangest.

About fifty years ago  
there lived a vampire  
hermit in the depths  
of the Yew Forest.  
For the most part he  
was ignored since he  
stayed away from  
people as much as  
possible and seemed  
unusually peaceful for  
such a horrid monster.  
Unfortunately when a  
grievous fire broke  
out destroying much  
of the city and  
forrest, he was  
blamed. The enraged  
townsmen drug the  
hapless vampire into  
the city where they  
burned him at the  
stake. The  
Militia was called out  
to investigate the  
vampire's home for  
evidence. Instead of  
the evidence they  
sought for they found  
to young babes: a boy  
and a girl. The  
Militia searched for a  
family for the two  
young children to no  
avail. Finally, they  
were forced to put  
them in an orfanage.  
There the children  
remained for three  
years. Eventually the  
children were adopted,  
but into two different

families.

The girl was named Ilyana Tarnor. She was adopted by a rich lord who owned a shipping company. As she grew up she proved herself to be a headstrong young girl, often quarreling with the other children and her adopted parents. Finally at age 14 she ran away. She knew that she didnt belong with that family so she sought out her origins in the town of Yew. Recordes from the Militia mentioned herself and her brother. When she learned that she had a brother she set out to find him in hopes that she could find her place in the world. Yet secretly deep inside her she knew that as a dampire she would never fit in. As she grew older she felt a deep resentment and bitterness against the society that had killed her father, forever altering her life.

Her brother was named: Sigurd Rotharia. He became quiet different than his sister. It was a lone hermit who adopted him. Through the love shown him by the hermit Sigurd would a way to accept his place in society. However when his adopted father died he began to fear and mistrust others. Instead of reacting with hostility though, he hid himself from society as much as possible.

Living a quiet  
hermit's life like the  
his adopted father.  
Then came the  
inevitable day came  
when Sigurd and  
Ilyana met...

At first they wer  
both delighted.  
However, as they  
talked over their past  
and feelings, they  
realized that they  
were totally different.

Sigurd tried to  
persuade his sister to  
settly down and live  
like him. She,  
however, was very  
disappointed in her  
brother and even a  
little disgusted.

After having been  
been together for only  
a month, Ilyana left  
and became a hunter,  
gathering and killing  
whatever she needed.

As time wore on she  
realized that she had  
finally would her  
home, in nature. She  
felt as though she  
had a special kinship  
with the natural  
world. As the years  
passed Sigurd stayed  
a hermit, living apart  
from everything and  
everyone, while his  
sister grew more and  
more a part of nature.  
This was not to last...

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